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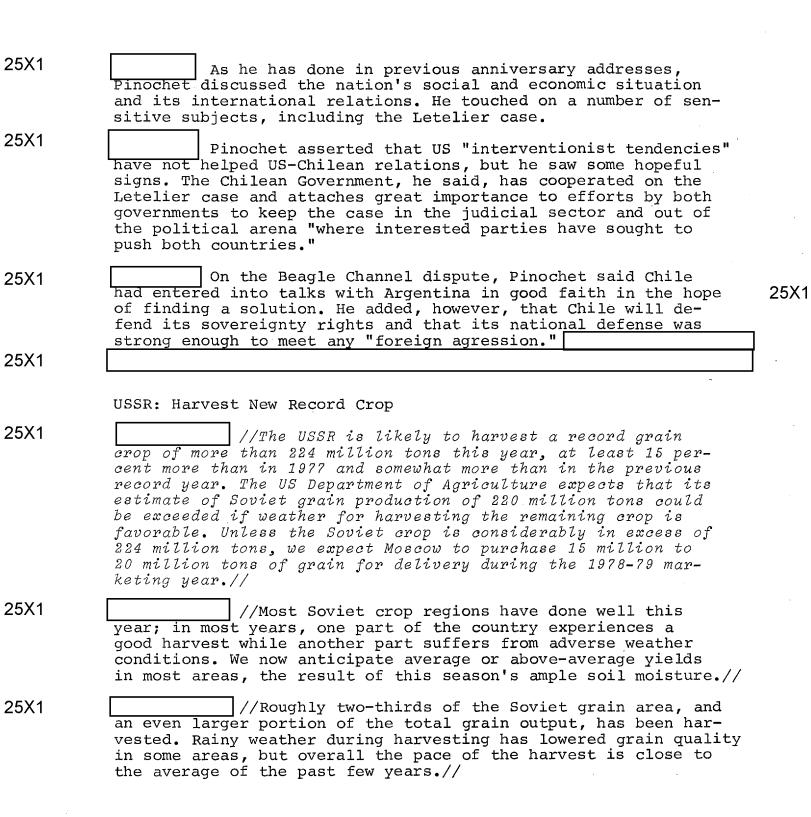
	NICARAGUA: Situation Report	
25X1	Sandinista guerrilla attacks, which began in Managua and several other Nicaraguan cities Saturday night, are continuing with various degrees of intensity in at least four provincial cities. The Somoza government has declared a 30-day state of siege in Esteli and Masaya and has launched operations to regain control of the cities. President Somoza will not risk weakening his defenses in Managua, however, so the fighting could continue for several days.	
25X1	The guerrilla strikes and the fear created by the increased violence have helped the two-week-old national work stoppage recapture some of its strength.	
25X1	The private sector, however, may be facing major financial problems. The strike is also hurting the government economically, but foreign firms are expected to comply with the government's request for advance tax payments.	25X1
25X1	IRAN: Troops and Tanks Patrol	
25X1	Tehran is relatively quiet as troops and tanks patrol the streets.	
25X1	Under martial law, newspapers and photographs are being censored. A considerable number of opposition figures are under arrest, as are several businessmen and at least one former cabinet member apparently charged with corruption.	
25X1	A day of mourning scheduled yesterday for those killed on 8 September seems to have passed without significant incident in Tehran, but according to the press five people were killed in clashes in other cities. GREECE-USSR: Rallis' Visit	25X1
25X1	Greek Foreign Minister George Rallis completed a seven-day visit to the USSR on Sunday. The visit, the first by a Greek foreign minister since the establishment of relations between the two countries in 1924, is part of Prime	

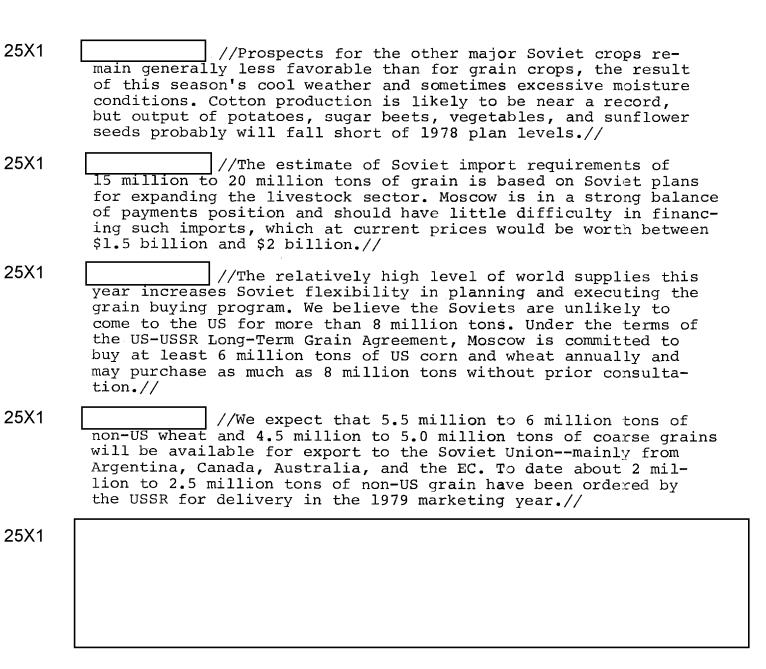
Minister Karamanlis' effort to normalize Greece's historically cool relations with the Soviets. Soviet Premier Kosygin has invited Karamanlis to visit Moscow.

- Most Greeks viewed the trip as a way to show the West that Greece cannot be taken for granted and to counter their Turkish rivals, who have moved faster in broadening their ties to Moscow.
- 25X1 The Greeks and Soviets signed a cultural and a consular agreement and apparently agreed to look into greater cooperation in such areas as energy and trade. Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko also stressed the desirability of greater "political cooperation."
- 25X1 The statements of Soviet leaders and a communique issued yesterday, however, gave only an equivocal endorsement of the Greek position on the Cyprus dispute, and made no mention of an earlier Soviet proposal for an international conference to deal with the Cyprus issue—a suggestion vehemently opposed by Turkey. The Soviet position on the Aegean dispute was also equivocal; Soviet interests and positions on this problem coincide more with those of Turkey.
- During his meeting with Rallis, Kosygin extended an invitation for Karamanlis to visit Moscow. The visit is likely to take place sometime next year and will be preceded by a visit to Athens by Gromyko. To demonstrate the improvement in Soviet-Greek relations, two Greek destroyers yesterday left for a goodwill visit to Odessa; the Soviets will reciprocate with a naval visit to Piraeus in October. These are the first such visits since World War II.

CHILE: Anniversary Speech

In a major speech yesterday marking the fifth anniversary of the military overthrow of the Allende government, Chilean President Pinochet said that a new constitution would be submitted to the voters next year, but that elections under the new constitution to create a civilian government would not be held until 1985.





BRIEF

Poland

Poland is continuing to raise prices on selected consumer goods. Last week, the regime boosted the price of potato flour by 58 percent—a much larger increase than any imposed

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so far this year. Although potato flour is not important in the Polish diet, the price increase will reinforce the population's pessimism about their economic future.

Consumer price increases began in March, when the government raised gasoline and oil prices by an average of 20 percent—the first significant price increase for consumer goods since the abortive attempt to raise meat prices in June 1976. This was followed by a 25-percent price hike for alcoholic beverages and a 20-percent increase for meat sold in "commercial" shops.

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